

Table 1***Comparison of Projects in the Environmental Protection Agency's National Estuary Program***

Project Location	Surface Area (sq. miles)	Drainage Basin Area (sq. miles)	Watershed Population	Priority Environmental Problems
Albemarle/Pamlico Sound, NC	2,900	30,880	1,898,000	Wetlands, nutrients, fish disease, land use and population, freshwater flows, habitat loss, fisheries productivity, submerged aquatic vegetation.
Buzzards Bay, MA	228	432	236,000	Pathogens, nitrogen loading, shoreline development, habitat loss, toxic contamination.
Casco Bay, ME	152	979	251,000	Toxic pollutants, nutrients, pathogens, habitat loss.
Delaware Bay, DE/NJ/PA	768	475	6,000,000	Habitat loss, nonpoint source pollution, lack of public access, estuarine education, compliance.
Delaware Inland Bays, DE	32	255	50,000	Habitat loss, eutrophication, land use, point/nonpoint pollutants.
Galveston Bay, TX	600	25,256	6,000,000	Habitat loss, urban runoff, toxic and bacterial contamination, inflow & circulatory modifications, subsidence and erosion.
Indian River Lagoon, FL	353	2,284	630,000	Nutrients, circulation, loss of wetlands, increased toxics, increased pathogens & suspended sediments.
Long Island Sound, CT/MA/NY/RI	1,281	16,000	8,400,000	Eutrophication, hypoxia, toxicants, pathogens, floatable debris, impacts to living resources.
Massachusetts Bays, MA	2,000	2,900	4,000,000	Toxics in water, sediments, fish & shellfish; pathogens; habitat loss & modification; sea level rise.
Narragansett Bay, RI/MA	146	1,677	1,800,000	Pollutants, pathogens, living resources management, habitat protection, combined sewer overflow abatement.
New York/New Jersey Harbor, NY/NJ	298	8,467	17,000,000	Urban runoff, contaminated sediments, shoreline development, pathogens.
Puget Sound, WA	931	16,000	3,000,000	Pollutants, loss of aquatic habitats, eutrophication, dredging.
San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, CA	554	61,313	9,900,000	Decline of biological resources, altered freshwater flows, pollutants, dredging, land use.
Santa Monica Bay, CA	266	414	9,000,000	Contaminants in fish & sediments, marine habitat, swimmable waters, municipal effluent, urban runoff.
Sarasota Bay, FL	40	500	425,000	Nutrients, habitat loss, declines in living resources, population growth.
Tampa Bay, FL	398	2,300	2,100,000	Habitat loss and modification, altered freshwater inflow, natural flushing.
Terrebonne-Barataria, LA	2,141	5,460	695,000	Hydrological modification, eutrophication, pathogen contamination of shellfish, changes in biological resources, habitat loss & modification, toxics.

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